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RIDE awards funds to support expanded learning opportunities \$1.9 million in federal funds to help schools, programs in 8 communities

The R.I. Department of Education has awarded 16 programs across the state with federal funds to support learning opportunities for students, such as afterschool or summer programs, that occur outside of the regular school day or school year.

Four of the programs, one in Pawtucket, one in Providence, and two in Woonsocket, are newly funded this year.

The federal funding comes from the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program, which provides funds through a competitive process to districts, schools, and community-based organizations to develop and operate high-quality expanded-learning opportunities for students from high-poverty communities.

“Learning takes place in many settings and in many environments, inside and outside of the classroom,” said Deborah A. Gist, Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education. “As we work together to advance student achievement and to prepare all of our students for success, it’s important that we support the many great programs that keep our children engaged with learning in school, after school, and everywhere.”

The goal of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers programs is to increase student achievement by providing academic support, enrichment that is aligned with curricula, and experiential learning that builds key academic skills.

Currently, 21st Century Community Learning Centers serve almost 15,000 students from 65 schools in eight Rhode Island communities: Central Falls, Cranston, Newport, North Kingstown, Pawtucket, Providence, West Warwick, and Woonsocket.

RIDE received 41 applications for this round of funding, requesting more than \$6 million in total. Based on available funds, RIDE will award grants totaling nearly \$1.9 million to 16 of the applicants.

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RIDE established two priorities for this round of funding: high-school programs that focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics, with measurable outcomes related to mathematics achievement, and continuation of high-quality programs that have met specific standards for student growth and for effective practices.

The following districts, schools, and community-based organizations will receive funds to start new 21st Century Community Learning Center programs or to continue operating currently active programs:

New Programs

Pawtucket School Department, at Shea Senior High School and William E. Tolman Senior High School (\$272,360)

Providence School Department, at the Nathan Bishop Middle School (\$60,000)

RiverzEdge Arts Project, at Woonsocket High School (\$171,060)

Woonsocket School Department, at Citizens Memorial School (\$175,000)

Continuing Programs

East Bay Community Action Programs, at Cranston-Calvert School, Newport (\$120,000)

Highlander Charter School with the Dunn Institute, Providence (\$120,000)

John Hope Settlement House, at the Governor Christopher DelSesto Middle School, Providence (\$105,000)

New Urban Arts with Central High School, Classical High School, and the Academy for Career Exploration, Providence (\$75,633)

Newport Community Schools, at Rogers High School (\$120,000)

North Kingstown School Department, at the Davisville Middle School and the Suzanne M. Henseler Quidnessett Elementary School (\$120,000)

Pawtucket School Department, at the Fallon Memorial School, the Flora S. Curtis Memorial School, and Goff Junior High School (\$120,000)

Providence Housing Authority, at the Esek Hopkins Middle School (\$105,000)

The Urban Collaborative Accelerated Program, Providence (\$90,872)

The West End Community Center, at the Gilbert Stuart Middle School, Providence (\$105,549)

YMCA of Greater Providence, at the Anthony Carnevale Elementary School, Providence (\$111,367)

YMCA of Greater Providence, Kent County Y, at the John F. Deering Middle School, West Warwick (\$114,672)

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